PUBLIC NOTICE OF THE AVAILABILITY OF THE OTAY VALLEY QUARRY RECLAMATION PLAN AMENDMENT DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) has been issued for public review and comment by the Development Services Director of the City of Chula Vista on <u>March 17, 2011</u>. The Draft EIR is for the implementation of the proposed Otay Valley Quarry Reclamation Plan Amendment.

Copies of the Draft EIR are on file in the Chula Vista Planning and Building Department, 276 Fourth Avenue; at the Chula Vista Civic Center Branch Library, 395 F Street, Chula Vista, CA 91910; and at the South Chula Vista Brach Library, 389 Orange Avenue, Chula Vista, CA 91911. The draft EIR can also be viewed on the City of Chula Vista's website www.chulavistaca.gov. All written comments on the adequacy of the Draft EIR should be forwarded to Steve Power, Principal Planner, City of Chula Vista, 276 Fourth Avenue, Chula Vista, CA 91910, no later than May 3, 2011.

A 45-day public review period has been established for the Draft EIR. Following the close of the public comment period, responses to comments on the Draft EIR will be prepared, and, together with the Draft EIR, will constitute the Final EIR. For further information concerning this project, including public hearing dates, please contact Principal Planner Steve Power at (619) 409-5864.

If you wish to challenge the City's action on this Draft EIR in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised in written correspondence delivered to the Chula Vista City Council or prior to the close of public review.

This notice is required to be filed with the County Clerk's office for a period of not less than thirty (30) days.

PROJECT LOCATION: The Otay Valley Quarry Reclamation Plan Amendment has been prepared for final reclamation of the Otay Valley Quarry. Otay Valley Quarry is located within the City of Chula Vista in the southwestern portion of San Diego County, California. The mine operations and processing areas occupy approximately 197 acres of an approximately 278-acre site on portions of Assessor's Parcel Numbers 644-060-06, 16, and 18. The project site lies two miles east of I-805, proximate to industrial and commercial developed lands in the City of Chula Vista. A private driveway from Auto Park Drive at Heritage Road provides access to the operation. Current City of Chula Vista zoning of the property is "P-C Planned Community". The P-C zone provides for a variety of urban uses, including commercial, industrial, residential, recreational, and open space as approved through the Chula Vista General Plan. Surrounding land uses include open space/MSCP Preserve areas to the immediate east, south, and west. Land uses within the general vicinity of the project site include future Otay Ranch Village Four and the Otay Landfill to the northwest, and Crickett Wireless Amphitheater and developed residential uses to the southwest.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Otay Valley Quarry Reclamation Plan Amendment project proposes the reclamation of 197 acres within the 278-acre project site following the completion of mining activities (estimated to be in 2089) at the Otay Valley Quarry. Reclamation would involve preparing the surfaces to a condition suitable for subsequent development and/or open space in accordance with the P-C zone and the Chula Vista General Plan. Surfaces would be stabilized for erosion control. Cut surfaces would be completed to slope grades to ensure long-term stability. Sediment basins and fines storage areas would be dewatered and revegetated with plant species suitable for erosion control. Grading would be completed in such a manner as to ensure proper surface drainage. Recoverable topsoil would be stockpiled for use on benches and quarry floor areas to be revegetated. The soil would be placed to enhance revegetation as surfaces are completed. The success of revegetation would be monitored after completion of final reclamation to ensure successful erosion control. The quarry pit area would hold local groundwater, creating a water body with approximately 80 acres of surface area.

For the proposed Otay Valley Quarry Reclamation Plan Amendment project, approval of the Reclamation Plan Amendment by the City of Chula Vista City Council is required. Additionally, review of the Reclamation Plan Amendment by the State Office of Mine Reclamation (OMR) is required prior to approval by the City. Implementation of the proposed Reclamation Plan Amendment would not affect jurisdictional waters or endangered species. Therefore, other State or Federal permits would not be required.

DECISION-MAKING AUTHORITY: City Council **CASE NO:** EIR-11-01

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: March 17, 2001 to May 3, 2011